

## House Resolution No. 3467

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which have proven down through the years to be dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of residents in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a religious institution which was established on January 2, 1854, by the Reverend John McFarland who had graduated from Washington College in Pennsylvania in 1844, studied theology at Allegheny College, was licensed by Blairsville Presbytery in 1846, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Upper Missouri in 1848; and

**Whereas**, the visionary leadership of the Reverend John McFarland was followed in due time by such stellar ministers as William R. Fulton, N.H. Downing, S.N.D. Martin, Willis L. Miller, Benjamine F. Powelson, George H. Williamson, Gilbert T. Thompson, A.M. Tanner, George H. Williamson, Edward Eugene Stringfield, J.H. Gehrett, R.E. Jarvis, John H. Bright, William L. Hackett, H. Pinkston, W.L. Sade, W.W. Reynolds, Henry Marshall, A.K. Gurley, H. Pinkston, W. Earl Peters, Leigh R. Barrett, Lincoln Bartlesmeyer, Charles Leeper, Fred Falmer, Roy T. Nunn, William F. Vance, John Wells, Dr. G.H. Benton, Dr. Clifford McKay, Dr. James F. Smith, Dr. Richard Killough, Dr. James T. Livingston, Dr. Edwin Hill, Dwight Seneker, and Dr. William "Bill" Harris, the current pastor who also serves as a full-time chaplain at Cox Hospital in Springfield; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Dr. William Harris led in a search for a motto or slogan that would exemplify the church's goals, and the members of Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church selected "A Country Church with a Family Feeling"; and

**Whereas**, in keeping with the Presbytery's challenge for the congregation to select a Bible verse that summed up its faith and mission and their pastor's challenge to "Find a need and fix it, Find a hurt and heal it," Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church chose John 13:35--"If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."; and

**Whereas**, the members and staff of Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church will celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of their church's founding through a special morning worship service on Sunday, July 25, 2004, followed by a basket dinner and afternoon visiting:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church and to convey to its staff and parishioners this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they observe the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of their spiritual institution's founding; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ozark Prairie (Brick) Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3467, adopted June 23, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker